

House Resolution 2146

By: Representatives Black of the 174th, Borders of the 175th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending D. C. Watkins, Sr., his family and the Watkins Music Hall;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, gospel, bluegrass, and country music share a strong kinship and present truly
4 all-American musical genres that are great musical favorites of many citizens throughout the
5 southeast; and

6 WHEREAS, D. C. Watkins, Sr., and his family oversee the Watkins Music Hall, in Lowndes
7 County, Georgia, which provides a stage for country, bluegrass, and gospel artists to display
8 and share their musical talents; and

9 WHEREAS, performers come from near and far to perform at the Watkins Music Hall,
10 ranging from child performers to performers in their nineties and including Country Music
11 Hall of Famers as well as rank amateurs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Watkins family opens the musical hall to the community each Saturday and
13 the doors have opened on Saturday without fail for more than fifteen years; and

14 WHEREAS, Watkins Music Hall provides clean and wholesome family fun in a smoke-free
15 and alcohol-free environment; and

16 WHEREAS, considerable costs for the operation of the musical hall are borne by D. C.
17 Watkins and his family who depend on donations for its continued operation; all are admitted
18 free of charge, as the Watkins' family gift to the community and to the families of South
19 Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, the Watkins Music Hall has greatly enriched the cultural landscape of Lowndes
21 County and supported the community by bringing families closer together in a music-rich

1 tradition and it is most fitting to recognize the selfless sacrifices and commitment of DC
2 Watkins, Sr., and his family.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Mr. D. C. Watkins and his family for their selfless acts
5 and generosity which have brought so much joy to the community and the lives of families
6 in Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. D. C. Watkins.